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Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, Applicant submits herewith attached Form PTO-1449 listing references known to Applicant and requests that these references be made of record in the above identified application. Copies of the references listed are submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a).

Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 06-244104 is in the family of U.S. Patent No. 5,879,977 and U.S. Patent Application No. 09/229,306 (pending).

Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 07-130652 is in the family of U.S. Patent Nos. 5,643,826 and 5,923,962 and in U.S. Patent Application Nos. 08/633,307 and 08/928,514 (both still

pending).

Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 11-133463 is in the family of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/008,412.

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/356,377 is also related to the present application.

The documents are being submitted within 3 months of the filing or entry into the national phase, of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore no fee or certification is required under 37 C.F.R. 35 U.S.C. § 1.97(b).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, 1.20(a), 1.20(b), 1.20(c), and 1.20(d) (except the Issue Fee) which may be required now or hereafter, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2380. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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